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**Claims searched:** 1 to 14

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### Databases searched:

UK Patent Office collections, including GB, EP, WO & US patent specifications, in:

UK CI (Ed.T): B7V V105, VFB.

Int CI (Ed.7): B63B 21/00, 21/50.

Other: Online EPODOC, JAPIO, WPI.

### Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Identity of document and relevant passage	Relevant to claims
A	EP 0104122 A (MAILLARD) see figures 1 and 2.	-
A	US 6227135 A (PEDERSEN) see figures 1A and 1B.	-

X	Document indicating lack of novelty or inventive step	A	Document indicating technological background and/or state of the art.
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### Clarity

1. Claim 9 obscures the scope of the invention as it is unclear as to what vessel the term 'one vessel's width' might relate.
2. It is unclear from line 2 of claim 13 as to whether the 'single point mooring system' is the same as or different to the system disclosed in line 3 of claim 1.

### Typographical

3. The term 'a first vessel' in lines 5 and 6 of claim 1 should be replaced with the term 'the first vessel' in line with the disclosure in line 1 of said claim. For the same reason the term 'a second vessel' in line 10 of claim 1 should be replaced with the term 'the second vessel'.

### Description

4. The description on pages 1 to 4 should be amended in line with any amendments made to the claims in response to this examination report.